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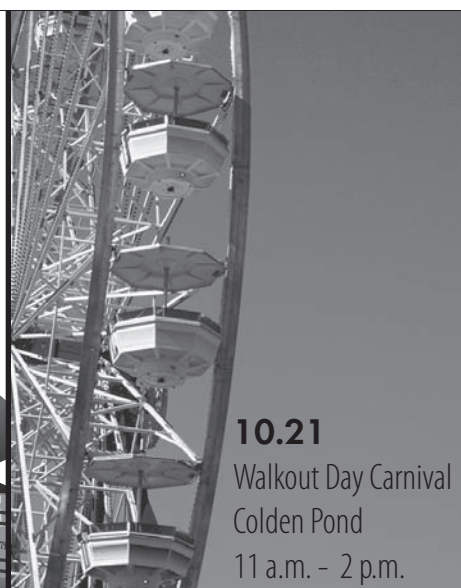
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Homecoming at Northwest is a very special time—it is the tradition of welcoming back former residents and alumni of an institution.

Besides the many activities associated with Homecoming, it is a chance to renew friendships, reminisce about times past and bring to mind those times spent on our Northwest campus. Those often spoken words during Homecoming, "well, I haven't seen you in years," are usually followed by handshakes and hugs which make the Northwest experience all that much more extraordinary.

The "Northwest Family" is a phrase that is often heard on campus, as well as at the many alumni events that take place away from campus, and Homecoming is just another avenue of proof of that adage.

We hope that you have had a chance to take part in many of the Homecoming activities, to walk around our beautiful campus and to renew those relationships that may have been made many years ago at Northwest. Homecoming is a chance to demonstrate that Northwest truly is a family and to feel the pride and passion of being a Bearcat. We trust that this time on campus may renew your excitement of being an alum or a friend of Northwest, and that those often recited words "once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat" will become even more meaningful to you.

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Greetings, Bearcats. I hope you are enjoying Northwest's 2011 Homecoming week, "Once Upon a Time."

It is a week filled with many grand traditions that include everything from newer activities like the canned art and office decorating contests earlier this week to the long-standing traditions taking place tonight and throughout the weekend like the variety show, the parade and, of course, the football game. The Office of Campus Activities and the student-led Homecoming Committee have been working for months on this year's special week, and you can view a complete listing of the Homecoming activities by going to the Northwest home page at www.nwmissouri.edu.

Northwest's Homecoming is a tradition that, for several decades, has provided an opportunity to showcase our campus spirit, celebrate our student organizations and welcome back friends who are committed to this institution's success.

My hope is that, as this year's Homecoming week wraps up, you will be engaged and discover what being a Bearcat is about.

How will you celebrate Northwest's Homecoming? In what activities will you participate? Will you take some time to interact with our international students at Friday's flag-raising ceremony, celebrate our all-time enrollment record of underrepresented and international students, and reflect on how we continue to grow in our core value of intercultural competence?

What stories will you hear as you catch up with some of our alumni and former employees who return to campus for the Homecoming activities?

Campus departments across a variety of areas participated in the department-decorating contest earlier this week. Some of our employees answered the call to serve on a judging panel for one of the many Homecoming competitions throughout the week. Many of you will attend the Variety Show, our M-club Hall of Fame ceremony, the Homecoming football game or the KXCV 40th anniversary dinner.

No matter how we all engage, I hope you will show your support for Northwest and our traditions, your fellow classmates, your teacher and mentors and our campus culture. This year, immerse yourself in the spirit that envelopes the Northwest campus at Homecoming.

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Northwest tradition runs in the family for grand marshal

PHILIP GRUENWALD

Opinion Editor

Patrick Harr, family physician for St. Francis hospital, volunteer physician for Bearcat and Spoofhound athletics and Northwest's 2011 Homecoming grand marshal, is a man dedicated to his job.

"The first thing I thought was, 'Gee, can I get the morning off of work that day?'" Harr said.

Harr has made his mark at Northwest by assisting in medical support for the Bearcats for almost 40 years, but his love for Northwest started in his childhood home.

"With my dad being the one who was closely responsible for getting the homecoming tradition as we know it – it started with the parade, variety show and all that stuff – you know, homecoming's been a pivotal part of our family since the late '40s," Harr said.

Harr attended Horace Mann until his sophomore year in high school, and took part in Northwest homecomings whenever he could. In fact, Harr admitted that he "never thought of not participating in Homecoming in some way." As a Northwest student, his fraternity's participation put him in homecomings year after year.

"I can remember when I was going to college here, we usually had to show up at 6 or 6:30 in the morning to start lining up for a 9:00 start, and I always thought,

'Good Lord, that's awfully early,'" Harr said.

Despite his involvement with Northwest's Homecoming, this is the first time Harr will attend as Grand Marshal. He looks forward to being a part of the experience without the stress and painstaking work done by other parade participants.

"I remember, our fraternity actually started our float about two months ahead of Homecoming because we had so many things to do," Harr said. "We actually started building it right after Labor Day for a late October homecoming. So I'm very familiar with the work and sweat."

"I always thought that Homecoming was fantastic, but it was probably the most serious threat to your grade point average of anything. You just get swallowed up. And a lot of kids are involved in float, involved in the skit, and people don't realize how much time it takes out of your schedule to actually participate in Homecoming. It never seems to amaze me, but kids seem to get it done."

Harr looks forward to waving at his "extended family" of Bearcats lining the parade route Saturday morning. He encourages students to either be a participant or a spectator of Homecoming's week-long events, and anticipates a riveting football game at 2 p.m. against Washburn.

"It's a great week to meet with



PATRICK HARR

alumni," Harr said. "The variety show pokes fun at everybody; it's always a lot of entertainment. The parade is good. (We) couldn't have asked for a better game for Homecoming with the team that's ranked ahead of us and unbeaten in the conference, I mean, a tremendous opportunity for the football team, and it's a big thing for the community," Harr said.

"If you're only here for four years, you don't want to miss out on a tremendous opportunity to see what's some of the best things about Northwest."

Northwest Homecoming traditions continue

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Chief Sports Reporter

Every school has their own traditions when it comes to Homecoming and Northwest is not any different.

The University and the Maryville community team up to create a unique Homecoming experience for students and

community members as well.

Northwest cancels classes and has different events for the students to make their Homecoming experience one of a kind.

No matter what a student is interested in, Northwest has enough embedded traditions to make the Homecoming experience its own.



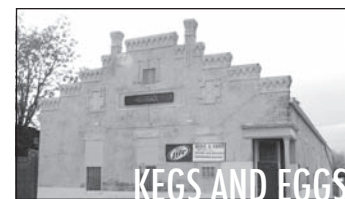
The Homecoming parade is a long-standing tradition at Northwest. Saturday morning before the football game, Greek organizations, the Bearcat Marching Band, Northwest cheerleaders and different organizations march down the streets of Maryville.



Every year, Greek organizations challenge each other in the variety show. Fraternities, sororities and other organizations come up with a ten-minute skit, get it approved and get the chance to perform for a panel of judges on Thursday and Friday night.



Walkout Day takes place on Friday of Homecoming week. The teachers cancel classes and allow the students to get an early start on their weekend. The tradition started in 1914 with students having a campus-wide picnics. Eventually after years of it, the University did away with classes for that day.



Students and community members can gather at the Outback Bar for the annual Kegs and Eggs. The tradition began 22 years ago when the cops threatened to bust a party held on the parade route. Now owner, Anthony Campobasso contacted the owner the Outback and agreed to hold it at the bar.

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THE BEARCAT PARADE

Homecoming floats dazzle community, campus

AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH
Managing Editor

It is one of the main focal points of Homecoming. With its colorful décor and playful performances, the parade is what bonds campus and community for a weekend of celebration.

Included in the parade route beginning at College Ave and ending at fourth and Market, are a series of bands, dancing, floats and a thing called a jalopy. Many of these are judged based on creativity, performance and construction.

The sounds of old tunes can be heard from the Northwest Marching Band as well as local high school bands invited by the University.

Floats of all shapes and sizes reflect this year's theme, "Once Upon A Time." Remembering movie classics, storybook tales and fairy tales your mom told you is easy as you watch the floats pass by.

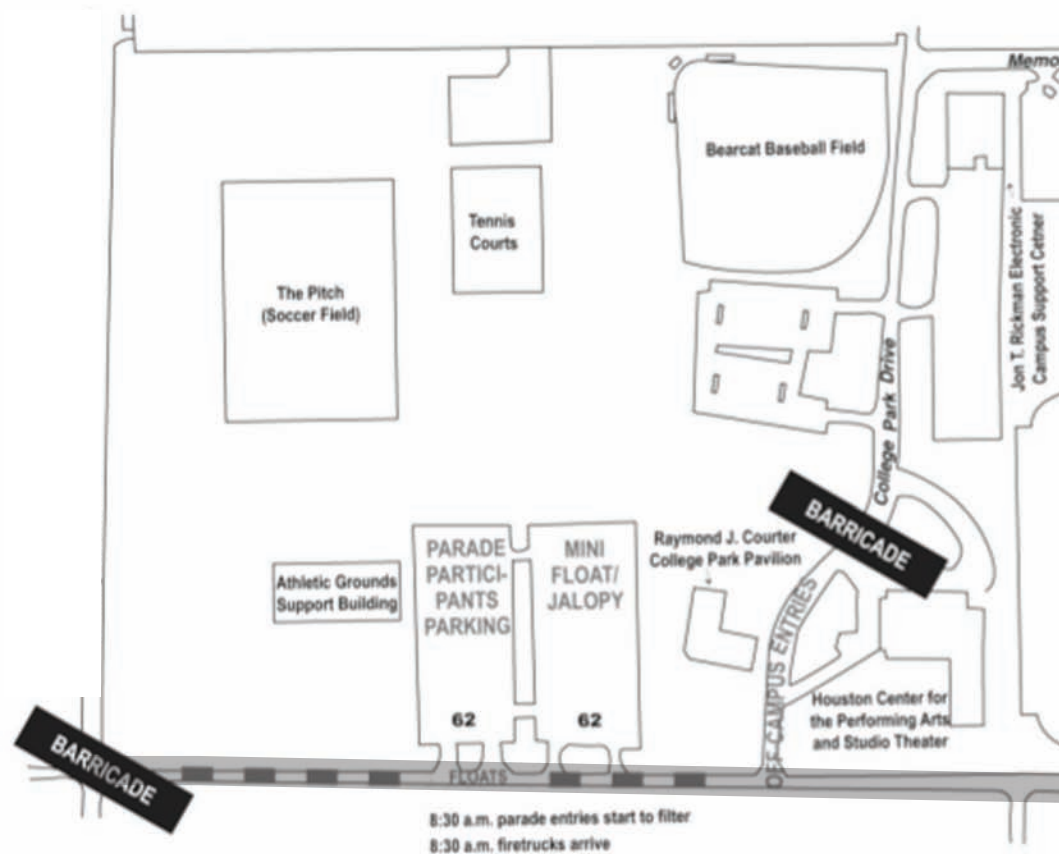
If you think those nasty cars driving by could croak at any minute, do not worry, those are the jalopy's. These cars made from any and all materials found in a junkyard are put together by organizations to mirror the theme in a new and interesting way.

With its creative nature, free candy and people waving by, how can you miss the excitement that comes with the Northwest Homecoming Parade.

PARKING

What lots will be available for parking

Lot 62 will close at 12 a.m. on Saturday for parade entries
It will reopen at 11 a.m. on Saturday for tailgating



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

The Northwest cheerleaders show off some cheers during the parade Saturday. The group looks to defend their 2009 national championship this coming year.

FLOATS

All floats and jalopies enter from Country Club Road

Junior trombone player Michael Holtzschler marches down fourth street with the Bearcat Marching Band. High schools around the area sent marching bands of their own to the parade. FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN





Michael Clements rides his viking ship of a jolly. This is the second straight year that Alpha Kappa Lambda has impressed the judges with their creation.

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Bobby Bearcat as Zeus watches over his subjects on Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Chi's float. The float took third place.

PARADE FACTS

Where the parade starts and goes

The Homecoming Parade starts at the corner of ray and College Avenue. It will proceed east to the main University entrance at Fourth Street.



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Sigma Sigma Sigma chugs down the parade route in their pomp train. Tri-Sigma won sorority supremacy this year.

Photo by Kevin Birdsell

PARADE FACTS

Where to go to find the best viewing spots

Do not enter campus from 4th Street. General public can enter campus from 2nd, 3rd, 7th or 9th streets and walk to the viewing areas.

Homecoming, not just for Greek life

MARY CONNORS

Chief Reporter

It is the longest week ever. Aside from homework, tests, projects and work, finishing touches have to be done to the canned art, jalopy, banners, pomp clowns and most important: the floats. Sound chaotic enough? Welcome to Homecoming week through the eyes of a Northwest Greek.

The year-round planning has placed high expectations on our Greek counterparts; causing a common misconception to float around campus that Homecoming is a Greek tradition.

"We generally get asked by fraternities to work with them next Homecoming, the Tuesday after Homecoming is over, but we begin to plan really hard around April and throughout the summer," Emily Stark, float co-chair of Phi Mu sorority said.

Even Phi Mu sorority members like Gia Macaluso wishes that more student organizations



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Members from Bearcat Heroes take part in last year's Homecoming parade. Homecoming is seen as a Greek event but other groups are encouraged.

would get involved.

"I think that there is a misconception because we build floats and spend a lot of money, but any organization is allowed to build a float and be involved. No one tells you that Homecoming is only for Greeks, people just assume it," Macaluso said.

Homecoming prizes and bragging rights are given to student organizations whose hard

work and creativity not only looks the best, but also represents the unity that Northwest instills.

"It gets very stressful balancing school and the float hours, but it is well worth it when you see the float, that you put all your hard work into, going down 4th street for everyone to see," Macaluso said. "Non-Greek involvement really depends on the person and how involved they choose to be."

Fraternities, sororities battle for supremacy

DALTON VITT

Chief Reporter

This weekend, Phi Sigma Kappa looks to win fraternity Homecoming supremacy for the sixth straight year.

Junior Matt Moyler, a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, describes supremacy as a Greek tradition that judges the participating organizations based on different events.

Phi Sigma Kappa won the pumped clowns, paper mache clowns and overall parade categories in last year's victory.

They also came away with second in canned art, third in skit, fourth in jalopy and second in float.

Sigma Sigma Sigma was 2010's sorority supremacy winner.

Judges award organizations with a certain number of points for each category. There is a maximum amount of points assessed

to each event.

The organization with the highest point total wins that event, and that number of points counts toward their overall supremacy total.

The set maximum for variety show and float is 100. Banner, jalopy, and canned art are 40 each. Both clown categories are 50 apiece.

"Personally, (the most fun supremacy event) is either the variety show or the parade," Moyler said. "The parade especially shows all the hard work and man hours we put into it."

Organizations log many hours in the weeks leading up to homecoming to have a chance to win supremacy.

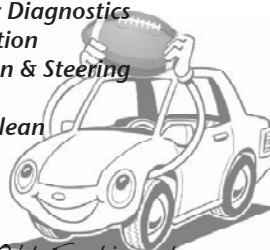
"We put a lot of time in because we like to make sure all of our things look good and that it's exactly how we want it," Moyler said.

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MARY CONNORS

Chief Reporter

Banners throughout the city welcome all Bearcats, local business marquees that display messages to our football team and alumni, while green and white beads make their way to the shelves of every store. It's official. It's Homecoming week.

This year, Oct. 16 through Oct. 23, students, members of the Maryville community and alumni from around the country will come together to reconnect with one another, celebrate Northwest tradition and show their Bearcat pride during Northwest's Homecoming.

It all started with the 5K walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Raymond J. Courter College Park Pavilion. Hosted by the Homecoming Committee, all precedes from the walk benefitted St. Francis Hospital and Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Maryville residents and students partook in the event, excited to support this cause.

"I did all the timing in the race," Gia Macaluso, senior of Phi Mu sorority said. "I enjoyed raising money for our Phi Mu alumni and seeing how thankful her family was."

Every day this week from 7:30 until noon, the Homecoming archives will be on display in the B.D. Owens Library.

"The archives show the differences of Homecoming over the years," Cathy Palmer, library technical services assistant, said. "It's become a rotary of the people that come back; it's nice to see those same traditions happening."

The week picks up pace as it comes to an end with traditional variety show taking place at 7 p.m. today and Friday, Oct. 21 at the Ron Houston Center. For students involved in Homecoming, Friday may be the end of the week, but it's the most chaotic.

"I have been involved with building our float and some of the other things that go into the parade. I am also up for Homecom-

ing Queen, so that has kept me pretty busy and involved with this year's Homecoming," Macaluso said.

The queen and king will be crowned at 9 p.m. today following the variety show.

Friday, Oct. 21 will hold a full day of events. Students are granted the opportunity to sleep in or attend other Homecoming festivities due to Walk Out Day.

"Walk Out Day has been a part of Homecoming since the 1970's it allows people to have the freedom to work on the projects for the parade and such," Palmer said.

The Bell Ringing will take place at 8 a.m. and the Alumni House will host its annual Golden Years Class reunion around 9 a.m. that morning. The M-Club's Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the J.W. Jones student Union.

The jam-packed week leads up to the much anticipated weekend parade and football game.

"Saturdays have always been the parade and then the game. It makes it convenient for alums and everyone else to attend and be a part of Northwest. It streamlines it for those that are coming in from out of town," Palmer said.

The Alumni House will begin with the Homecoming welcoming event at 8 a.m., with the parade immediately following at 9 a.m. This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time," and all are encouraged to gather from the corner of Ray and College Ave through Market Street to enjoy entertainment, food and family fun.

Bearcat Zone tailgating will begin at 11:30 a.m., where members of the marching band, steppers and cheerleaders will make an appearance to cheer our team on. Bearcat football kicks off against Washburn at 2 p.m. in the Bearcat Arena.

Sunday will end Northwest's Homecoming celebration with an awards ceremony that will take place at 11 a.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior running back Jordan Simmons hurdles over an offensive lineman in last year's 45-27 homecoming victory over Fort Hays State. The 'Cats host the undefeated Washburn Ichabods at 2 p.m.

Game feels different as underdog

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

Once again, the most important home game of the year has arrived for the Bearcats: Homecoming.

Alumni, friends, family and current Bearcats will flock to Maryville for the festivities, most notably the Homecoming football game, which annually draws nearly as many fans as Family Weekend.

Northwest has seen nothing but success recently in the annual event. The Bearcats have won the last nine Homecoming games, scoring 394 points, an average of almost 44 points per game while allowing just over 16 per game.

This year, the game has a little bit of a different feel. Northwest is the underdog.

"We've got to win," head coach Adam Dorrel said. "The way I look at it, we're going to be the underdog in that game. Just coaching philosophy, when you're the underdog, I think you've got to pull out all the stops."

The 'Cats defeated this year's opponent Washburn 22-19 in overtime in 2009 and 28-27 back in 2007 in the last two Homecoming meetings between the teams.

The Ichabods have given the 'Cats fits in

most of their recent matchups. Washburn has lost the last five meetings, but only by an average of 2.6 points per game, including a 41-40 loss last season in Topeka, Kan.

Senior quarterback Dane Simoneau leads the undefeated Ichabods and has drawn lots of interest from NFL scouts.

"I think that kid is, from what I've seen, one of the best quarterbacks in the country," Dorrel said. "We've had NFL scouts in the last month and every one of them brings his name up. He's a very good football player and a good leader."

Washburn averages 41.6 points per game and over 500 yards per game, including 330 yards passing per game.

Last year, Northwest defeated Fort Hays 45-27 behind 361 yards passing and four total touchdowns from quarterback Blake Bolles.

Bolles was named the Don Black Award winner, given annually to the player of the game, as voted on by the media in attendance.

The Homecoming game kicks off at 2 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium.

"It's important that we come out and play good and obviously it's important for the conference race," Dorrel said.

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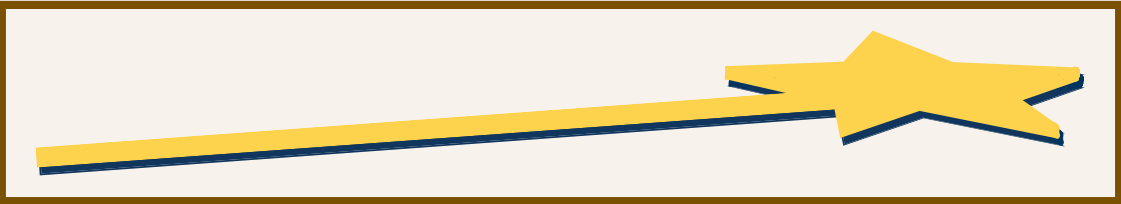
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